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EDITORIAL



THE AMATEUR IS A GENTLEMAN

When, following the Fall of Rome, the barbarian hordes enveloped the civilised world, much of the order and culture painstakingly built up over centuries was lost. The Dark Ages had arrived.

However, out of the turmoil that followed, there emerged a system of living which endeavoured to bring to men a better understanding of the problems of others. Though the strength of "ye strong right arm" was forever to be seen, the code of chivalry did much to improve the lot of men. As a result of being honourable, courteous, loyal, just and brave, the term of "Gentleman" was coined and proudly owned.

But it is a far cry from the knight on the lists at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to the Amateur in his shack in Sydney, Melbourne or elsewhere. Or is it?

Though time has passed, the term Gentleman still remains. Point number one in the Amateur's Code is "The Amateur is Gentlemanly. He never uses the air for his own amusement in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others. He abides by the terms of his licence."

It is therefore important, that from time to time, we take stock of our actions in relation to the term "Gentleman." What of that section of the band for c.w. only? What of listening on the frequency before transmitting? What of allowing others to work that "rare one" by making a short contact?

THESE AND MANY OTHERS
ARE THE ACTIONS OF A GENTLEMAN.

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REPORT OF THE FIRST T.V.I. FIELD TEST

BY FIVE MEMBERS OF THE H.F. T.V.I. COMMITTEE OF N.S.W. DIVISION OF THE W.I.A.

EQUIPMENT USED

The v.h.f. receiver, built by VK2AOU, had the following circuit: 6AK5 triode connected as grounded grid amplifier (to prevent radiation by the following stage), triode 6AK5 superregenerative detector incorporating a Colpitt's hot cathode oscillator, 0-1 Ma. meter in the plate circuit (bridge) to compare field strength, 12AT7 twin triode as two-stage audio amplifier to identify signals received, and headphones.

The receiver was battery operated and portable. Ranges: 59-70 Mc., 83.4-99.7 Mc., 129-156.8 Mc., and 168-205.6 Mc.

FIRST TEST

The transmitter was the station of VK2AOU, which was described in "Amateur Radio," November, 1955, to January, 1956. On 14 Mc. and 21 Mc. is an eight stage and on 28 Mc. a nine stage transmitter with fixed tuned band filters between the frequency multipliers and also between the driver and final. The final used a pi-tank followed by a low pass filter (described in November, 1955, "A.R.") and a multi-band antenna coupler. The transmitter was running with 100 watts input and a three element miniature beam, 44 ft. high, was connected. The sound of a clock was used for 100% modulation.

14 Mc. Tests: Near the transmitter the harmonics were weaker than the output of a small g.d. meter. With the p.a. off, nothing was heard in other rooms or underneath the beam. The next check was made outside the house, 20 yards away from the transmitter and beam. The only harmonics heard in the range covered by the receiver were the 5th and the 6th.

The 5th was right in the noise of the receiver and had only 0.05 times the field strength of the Sydney 92.1 Mc. v.h.f. f.m. transmitter.

The 6th harmonic was near the v.h.f. taxi signals which were not disturbed by the harmonic, because the taxi stations were much stronger. This 6th harmonic had about 0.1 times the field strength of the f.m. radio station.

There were no harmonics on higher frequencies or within t.v. channels. Even the 6th harmonic disappeared 50 yards away from the transmitter.

Further tests showed that the directivity of the beam had no effect on the harmonic radiation.

28 Mc. Test: The second check was carried out with the transmitter running on 28 Mc. Outside the house, 20 yards away from the transmitter, the third harmonic had the same strength as the f.m. radio station, but this signal was outside any t.v. channel, and Sydney t.v. stations will have a 10 to 30 times greater effective radiated power working from nearly the same location. The distance between the f.m. station and our test location was about 11 miles. There was no direct line of sight to the f.m. transmitter.

There were no higher order harmonics available outside the house (5th, 6th and 7th for example). The 2nd and 4th harmonics were not covered by this receiver.

The beam was two wave lengths from and parallel to the mains line, and this was apparently the reason why the third harmonic was detected weakly in the receiver noise for about 50 yards. The last signs disappeared at a distance of 100 yards. This happened also as soon as the car went in a side lane away from the mains line.

The low pass filter was later removed and the receiver meter was reading 100 times the field strength of the third harmonic in front of the house, as could be expected.

Conclusion: This Amateur Station is not likely to cause t.v.i. due to harmonic radiation. The suppression of harmonics is in the order of 100 db. or more. Even this very simple receiver, with only one tuned circuit, was not overloaded by the transmitter.

A short rod was used as the receiver antenna, about 6 feet above ground. Therefore the very much stronger t.v. stations should give satisfactory reception with indoor antennae near this location over a distance of 11 miles. Any interference resulting from the operation of this Amateur Station must be therefore the result of faulty t.v. receiver design (chassis not shielded, insufficient front-end rejection of signals near the t.v. i.f., 28-30 Mc. Amateur signals), or faulty t.v. set alignment.

It is entirely the responsibility of the t.v. set manufacturer and/or the service man to fix the trouble.

SECOND TEST

The transmitter was the uncompleted new station of VK2FA. The essential t.v.i. proofing additions are not yet incorporated. It is a commercial v.f.o., driver with Gelofo pi-tank circuit, p.a. with pi-tank circuit, with a full size two element beam. The transmitter was shielded and then placed in a further shielding cabinet.

Again no harmonics were heard outside the house with the p.a. stage off. The distance to the f.m. radio station was only 5½ miles, and there was nearly a direct line of sight, therefore the field strength was about 100 times stronger than at VK2AOU's place (Beverly Hills). The meter of the receiver has a logarithmic sensitivity in this super-regen. operation manner, as was found with a calibrated signal generator. A signal just visible on the meter (in the receiver noise) gave 6° deflection with 10 times and 12° deflection with 100 times the input voltage.

Working on 14 Mc. only, the result was: Harmonics below the 6th were not covered by the receiver (fundamental near 14.3 Mc.). The 6th had about 1,000 times the field strength as of VK2AOU's transmitter, and was equal to the f.m.

station, a result which must be expected because the antenna coupler may reduce the harmonics by 20 db. at least, and the low pass filter by a further 40 to 60 db.

The 7th harmonic of VK2FA's transmitter was only 0.05 times as strong as the 6th. No higher order harmonics were detected. There was a weak signal from this transmitter near 61 Mc. which must have been a mixing product of the 4th harmonic plus the fairly strong 3.5 Mc. signal of the v.f.o., because this type of v.f.o. has a high output, but not much selectivity, and the two pi networks are not sufficient. The 7th harmonic disappeared at a distance of 150 to 200 yards. The 6th harmonic was just no longer heard at a distance of 350 to 400 yards.

This test was on a road which was about level with the beam, whilst on the low side of the road 100 yards were enough to make the 6th harmonic unheard.

Conclusion: The selectivity of the v.f.o. should be increased to prevent all harmonics of the 3.5 Mc. v.f.o. reaching the driver and p.a. An antenna coupler and a low pass filter will have to be added as is intended. A three section low pass filter may be sufficient for a 100 watt input transmitter. But even with the transmitter as it is now, at five miles distance with nearly a line of direct sight to the t.v. location, the t.v. signal may be strong enough to prevent t.v.i.

It may be mentioned that the 2nd harmonic of a taxi v.h.f. station, which was 1½ miles away, was just as strong as the 6th harmonic of VK2FA's transmitter 10 yards away from his station. The taxi station's 2nd harmonic was near 168 Mc.

Driving through Sydney and suburbs several tests were made to see the variation of the strength of f.m. radio and taxi stations. The interference from trams and some cars was very bad on the main roads.

—Hans Ruckert, VK2AOU.

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BOOK REVIEW

THE RADIO AMATEUR OPERATOR'S HANDBOOK

This is quite a useful little publication, a wealth of information is contained in the 48 pages.

It contains lists of prefixes, zones, call areas, Q and Z codes, and QSL Bureaux along with some sound advice on operating technique. In the words of the preface, "A copy in your shack will save much time." Both licensed operators and s.w.l.'s will find this a very useful publication. It should be noted that the addresses for the VK3, VK5, and VK7 QSL Bureaux have, since publication, been changed.

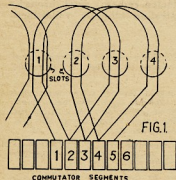
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Converting the SCR522 Genemotor to 12 Volt Operation

BY N. C. WHITE,* VK5ZAW

A 12 volt genemotor was required for portable work on 144 Mc. by the writer, and that person, not having the necessary to purchase the correct article, studied the various advertisements for the easiest 24v. supply to convert. The SCR522 supply was available for a mere pittance and its output most suitable for portable work. A complete unit was purchased knowing full well that if it didn't work, enough copper was present to recoup financial losses.

Examination of the armature in the motor portion showed that there were twice as many segments in the commutator as number of slots in the armature laminations, thus indicating four windings per slot (see Fig. 1). As it was necessary to get the same output with decrease in voltage input, it was realised that by selecting the two windings passing through the slot together and paralleling the ends, it would be possible for the armature to be converted for the armature to be converted without re-winding. This paralleling of the coils, doubled the current input thereby giving the necessary power to maintain correct output.

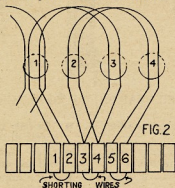


It will be seen from Fig. 1 that the two windings in slot 1 are connected in series by means of commutator segments 1, 2 and 3, and that this process is carried on right through the armature windings. If the ends of the windings were arranged as in Fig. 2, and the segments of the commutator shorted (e.g. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6) you would then have the armature conversion completed for 12v. operation. No other winding in the armature need be altered in any way.

The brushes were found to be quite capable of carrying the extra current and brush alignment is OK.

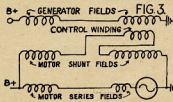
On investigating the fields several discoveries were made, namely, that the motor windings were compound wound and that the series fields were differentially polarised to the shunt field. As

there are only three turns in each series field, they are easily altered to accumulative polarisation by merely changing over the ends. By paralleling the series and shunt fields, it will be seen that the correct flux density of the field poles will be maintained.



The small winding in series with the shunt field (Fig. 3) is a form of control wound in with one of the windings of the generator field. The generator field windings develop like poles and therefore cancel out each other, so it can be seen how this control winding, by varying the flux density of one winding, will regulate the output of the genemotor.

This is very nice for 24v. operation, now how about 12v.? The obvious move is to leave this control winding disconnected (do not short its ends together) and then connect the two generator field windings in parallel as shown in Fig. 4, making sure that the winding ends are connected so as unlike poles are developed.

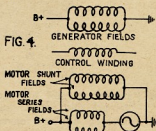


The voltage regulator can be discarded and a variable resistance of approximately 10 ohms (20 watt rating) inserted in the generator field. This is recommended as different equipment of varying loads and voltages are likely to be connected to the supply and complete control of output is necessary.

The relay can be dispensed with as it consumes current and a large current carrying switch substituted.

The filter system needs no alterations, as it was found on test that the genemotor on 12v. ran very close to its recognised speed.

As no suitable loads were available at the time of testing, globes of various wattages were connected. The largest, a 200w. 250v., was lit to full brilliance. It was also found that with the generator field disconnected, a 60w. lamp lit to 90%. No load voltage was 340v. and voltage dropped to approximately 260v. when the 200w. lamp was connected.



All diagrams show only field and armature windings altered, other windings are dispensed with for simplicity.

Go to it fellows, this unit is really worth the trouble to convert.

WATCH THOSE HARMONICS FROM THE 56-60 Mc. BAND

Editor "A.R.," Dear Sir,

Now that the 56-60 Mc. band is officially an Amateur band, may I point out the possible effects of second harmonic radiation when operating in this band.

The Visual-Aural Ranges operated by the Department of Civil Aviation operate on six frequencies, namely 109.5, 109.9, 110.3, 112.1, 112.5, 113.3 Mc. also ground to air communication frequencies are 118.1, 118.3, 119.7, 121.7, 122.1, 122.9 Mc.

As can be seen the danger frequencies in the 56-60 Mc. band are 56.05, 56.25, 56.65, 59.05, 59.15, 59.85 Mc. The bandwidth of aircraft receivers is up to 50 Kc. wide, so this would increase further the number of possible interfering frequencies.

The effect of interference on the V.A.R. receiver may be such as to give an incorrect course indication and at the same time, the cause not be apparent to the pilot, and even worse still, if the incorrect course is not noticed, it could be highly dangerous.

It would be to the benefit of all Amateurs operating on 5 metres to reduce if possible all harmonic radiation, and thus prevent any unnecessary trouble.

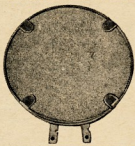
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This crystal microphone requires to be terminated with a high value parallel load of the order of 1 to 5 megohms for best results.

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The Remembrance Day Contest is an Australian annual contest to perpetuate the memory of those Australian Amateurs who gave their lives for their country during World War II. It is held on the week-end nearest to the 15th August in each year, the date on which the hostilities ceased in the S.W.P.A.

A Handsome Perpetual Trophy is awarded annually for competition between States, inscribed with the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice, and so perpetuating their memory throughout Amateur Radio in Australia. The name of the winning State each year is also inscribed on the Trophy.

For the purpose of the R.D. Contest all Amateurs within the Australian Capital Territory (VK1) are to be regarded as operating in VK2 Call Area with regard to Rules, Scoring, Return of Logs. All Awards will also be under the same conditions until such time as Federal Council agrees for it to be otherwise.

Again this year Amateurs in the VK1 Antarctica Call Areas can participate in the Contest. Scoring for contacts with VK1 (Antarctica) remain the same, namely, six points per contact per band for all States for contacts with VK1 (Antarctica).

RULES

1. The Contest will commence at 1800 hours E.A.S.T. on 11th August and continue through until 1759 hours on 12th August.

2. The Contest is open to all Australian Amateurs, but only members of the W.I.A. are eligible for the awards.

3. During the Contest, c.w., phone, or a combination of both may be used.

4. The Contest is an Interstate Contest, and Amateurs in each State will endeavour to contact Amateurs in all other States.

5. A station may be operated by more than one operator under the station call sign provided that operators, other than the station licensee, submit a separate log under his own call sign for contest purposes.

To implement this rule, the following procedure shall be adopted by all licensees other than owners of the station concerned.

(a) Licensees operating stations other than their own shall, for the purpose of these rules, be hereinafter referred to as "substitute operators."

(b) **Phone Contacts:** Substitute operators will call "CQ Remembrance Day," followed by the call sign of the station they are operating, and the word "log" followed by their own call sign.

(c) **C.W. Stations:** Substitute operators will call "CQ RD de" followed by a group call sign comprising the call sign of the station they are operating, an oblique stroke, and their own call sign.

(d) **Receiving Contestants:** Contestants receiving signals from substitute operators will qualify for points by recording the call sign of the substitute operator only (i.e. the last call sign).

(e) Nothing in (a), (b) or (c) above will preclude the station licensee from participating in the contest himself,

providing he submits a separate log under his own call sign.

6. All existing Amateur bands may be used, and all transmissions must conform with the Regulations as laid down in the P.M.G.'s "Handbook for the Guidance of Operators of Amateur Wireless Stations." Any breaches of these will lead to the disqualification of the operator concerned.

7. The arrangements of schedules for contacts on other bands will not be permitted.

8. All stations entering the Contest will call "CQ RD" if using c.w., and "CQ Remembrance Day" if using phone, subject to rules governing substitute operators under rule 5 (a), (b), and (c) above.

9. A State competing for the Trophy must submit a minimum of six (6) logs from financial members before becoming eligible for contesting the Trophy.

10. Only one contact per station per band is permitted.

11. Serial numbers to be exchanged during the Contest will be as follows:—

(a) For C.W. the first three figures will be the RST (telegraphy) report followed by the serial number of the contact commencing with any number between 001 and 100 for the first contact and increasing in value by one (1) for each successive contact. If any contestant reaches 999 he will then commence 001 and continue 002, 003, 004, etc.

(b) For Phone the first two figures will be the RS (telephony) report, followed by the serial number of the contact commencing with any number between 001 and 100 for the first contact and increasing in value by one (1) for each successive contact. If any contestant reaches 999, he will then commence 001 and continue 002, 003, 004, etc.

A complete exchange of serial numbers must take place before any points may be claimed for the contact.

12. In order that an equitable distribution of points for States with a large number of contestants compared with a State with fewer contestants may be determined, a sliding scale of points has been allotted as shown in the scoring table appended.

13. In addition to the points in the scoring table that may be scored by a contestant, a bonus of 25 points may be added to the total score for each State worked on 56 Mc. or above.

14. The log submitted must show in the following order: Date, time, band, emission, call sign, RST/No. sent, RST/No. received, points claimed. No log will be accepted unless laid out in this order.

15. A statement signed by the operator must be attached at the conclusion of the log stating that the Regulations (Rule 6) and these Rules have been observed. Any logs departing from this form will automatically be disqualified.

16. All logs must be forwarded through the Contestant's Divisional Council (for membership checking) to reach the Federal Contest Committee, Box 1234K, G.P.O., Adelaide, on or before 8th September, 1956.

17. Attractive certificates will be awarded to the winners of the phone, c.w., and open sections in each State; there will be no outright winner for Australia. Where a large number of logs are received from any one State, further certificates may be awarded at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

A contestant is deemed to have entered for the "open" section if his log reveals that he has, during the Contest period, made valid contacts on both phone and c.w.

18. The State to which the Perpetual Trophy will be awarded shall be determined as follows:—

To the average of the top six (6) logs shall be added a bonus arrived at by multiplying this average by the ratio of valid logs submitted by that State to the total of Amateur Licensees in the Division at the time of the Contest.

Example: Total points equals—

Aver. Score $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{No. of Logs} \\ 1 \text{ plus No. of Licensees} \\ \text{in Division} \end{array} \right\}$

19. The logs which will be accepted for the multiplier under Rule 18 shall show at least five (5) contacts in the Contest.

20. The Trophy shall be forwarded to the winning State in its container and will be held by that State for a period of twelve (12) months when the winners for the succeeding year is determined.

21. The Federal Contest Committee shall be the sole adjudicators and their ruling will be binding in the case of any dispute.

SCORING TABLE

		To								
		VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK9	
From	VK1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
	VK2	6	1	2	3	5	4	6		
	VK3	6	1	1	3	2	5	4	6	
	VK4	6	1	2	1	3	6	5	4	
	VK5	6	2	1	3	1	5	4	6	
	VK6	6	1	2	4	3	1	5	6	
	VK7	6	2	1	4	3	5	1	6	
	VK9	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	

VK1 Amateurs operating from A.C.T. will be classified as VK2.

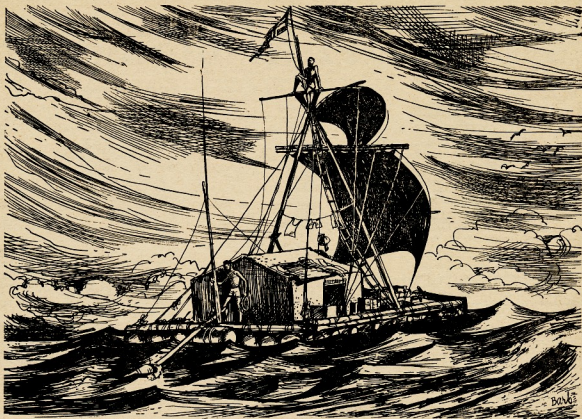
Note.—Read the table from left to right for points for the various States.

Examples:—

VK2 scores 1 point for a VK3 contact.
 2 " " " VK4 " "
 3 " " " VK5 " "
 VK6 scores 1 " " " VK2 " "
 2 " " " VK3 " "
 4 " " " VK4 " "

ERRATA

In the article, "Building a Panoramic Adaptor," June, 1956, issue, the author has drawn attention to an omission of the values of resistors R21 and R22. They are 470,000 (or 680,000) ohms. Also in Fig. R14 should have been "V" gain, not "H" gain.



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11J—Ellerston, via Scene.
2AEA—R. W. Allison (Dr.), 66 Constitution Rd., Dulwich Hill.
2AJO—J. W. S. Edge, Wallace Street, Coolamon.
2ASZ—R. L. Lear, Station St., St. Marys.
2ZAP—F. H. Wagner, 18 Lake Rd., Swanes.
2ZBI—W. A. Thomas, 52 Springdale Rd., Killara.
2ZDD—R. H. Dell, C/o Mr. S. Davison, Cunningham Plains, Cunnigar.
2ZDE—D. E. Woollett, 12 Broadarrow Rd., Beverley Hills.

Victoria

- 3DL—L. F. Amey, 14 Morgan St., Glenhuntly.
3ET—R. D. R. Tracy, Station: Monash Rd., Olinda; Postal: 34 Docker St., Elwood.
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- 5BT—D. G. Goode, Yankallilla.
5GP—G. D. P. Clarke, Station: "Donnachaith," 4 miles south of Narracoorte; Postal: C/o R. P. Ender, Box 9, Narracoorte.
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6TH—T. H. Talbot, "Wedderburn," Brunswick Junction.
6ZAX—W. G. Redden, 40 Raglan Rd., Mt. Lawley.

Tasmania

- 7BN—W. N. M. Nisbet, "Uneda," off Ormond St., Belliverie.
7ZAF—T. G. Barnes, "Cotteswold," Main Rd., Taroona.

Territories

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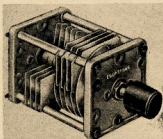
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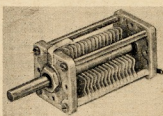
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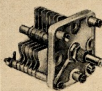
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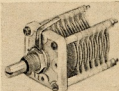
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On Sunday night, 6th May, immediately following the usual v.h.f. broadcast for VK2WI a 2 mx Scramble took place from 7.45 until 9 p.m. This was the first time that the 2 mx group had after reporting in, the operator, Perce 2APQ, announced the scores, the results being: 1st 2AMP 22, followed by 2JXZ, 22, 2ABZ 15, 2AUA 11, 2ASA 10, 2ZIC, 2ZBV, 8; 2ABE, 2YM, 7; 2ZAR, 6; 2ZCH, 2ZBB, 5; 2APM, 3. Text 2XX was heard frantically still trying to get in the "net" and it is believed that he was successful in working Peter 2JX.

Wednesday, May 9, at the home of 2APQ was the first meeting of the newly elected management committee where responsibilities were placed on members as follows: Chairman, Perce 2APQ; Sec. and Treas., Bob 2OA; Liaison Officer, John 2ZAV; Contest Managers and Field Day Organisers, John 2ATQ and Horrie 2HL; Scribe for "A.R." Notes, Eric 2AFM. Plans have been laid down by this committee to ensure a good contact with the various interests of 144 Mc. enthusiasts. Arrangements for a mid-winter contest are to be discussed at the committee's next meeting.

Future VK2WI v.h.f. broadcasts on 144 Mc. are alternating each Sunday night at 7.30 between stations 2ATO and 2ZAV and already these new WI operators have received very favourable results. It is interesting that both 2OA and 2APQ have been heard commenting on the pleasure they now get from sitting back and listening to the broadcasts instead of transmitting them. John 2ATO has been keeping warm these cold nights by sitting alongside his power supply, but says he does not mind. Horrie 2HL had better contacts with the fish than 2 mx during his mobile holiday at Sussex Inlet. A new 2 mx DX station has been heard around Sydney, so keep an ear cocked for 2BK. Blayne, on 146.68 Mc. who is keeping nightly skeys at 7 p.m. with John 2ANF.

The usual monthly meeting of the V.h.f. Group was held on Friday, 1st June, where, despite the cold weather and rain, a good attendance was made and our newly elected President, 2APQ, occupied the chair. We were honoured by a visit from Doug 2ADS representing the Hunter Branch, and Phil 2ER. Present also was 2ASA, who is not now classed as a visitor. Further prospects for new 2 mx contacts in the Newcastle district are Bob 2KF, of Kurri, Harry 2YL of Cessnock. Also it is reported that 2CA at Harrington Tops will soon be looking for Sydney stations. We learn that North 2ALJ is on every Monday night looking North and ZL, away, also 2ASA is operating on Wednesday and Sunday night. A trip to the Griffith Radio Club was described to members at the meeting by Adrian 2HE who gave a very interesting account of the activities by that club and explained how very keen the boys are for 2 mx activity. Stewart 2PL has expressed his willingness to become Liaison officer for that district night. Hugo 2VH of Forbes. From northward we have received similar information that Ken 2ANU will co-operate. Rumour has it that Alan 2CMBers is anxious to form a v.h.f. group and would like to hear from others in the district.

"Switch to Safety" was the title of a lecture given at the meeting by Arthur 2ME, who also gave a lot of advice to Amateurs concerning the handling of a.c. domestic power in the shack and gave examples of good and bad quality switches. Questions, plenty and plenty, were asked and answered. Many questions were fired and Arthur was able to answer to each one's satisfaction. He was very suitably thanked for his lecture by 2ZAR, which carried the support of all present.—2AFM.

VICTORIA

The final V.h.f. Field Day for this season was also the most successful for the season. There was plenty of activity on both the 2 mx and 2 bands with a record number of portable stations out on location. In fact all mountain tops had been boed out for weeks prior to the event. There appeared to be more portable stations operating on the band than there were home stations, which is a very gratifying state of affairs after a field day. Most had very busy and successful day although there were a few minor casualties. There were nine stations operating with a gear on the 2 mx band, from 3ZAC and 3ZAT at Arthur's Seat to 3ALZ on Pretty Sally Hill, a distance of over 60 miles. 3ZCW, portable at St. Arnaud, called in and only made the one DX contact with 3YS, a home station. 3ZCG, portable at Harley Hill, near Wonthaggi, was heard calling 3BC, but it is understood he did not make a contact. Others heard out portable were 3VZ

at Kingslake, 3ZAD at Mt. Donna Buang, 3ADU at the Youyangs, 3IE at Perys Creek, 3KD at Mt. Macedon, 3ZAV at Ceres Lookout, Geelong. 3ZBK at Mt. Buller, 3CM of Mr. Mun-ninyong, 3SE at Mt. Cole in the Ballarat area, 3JAV at Reservoir, and Len 3LN (the forgot which mountain he was on).

Results are as follows: 1st was 3ZCG, 28 contacts for 2113 points; 2nd was 3ZAD, 34 contacts for 1899 points; and 3rd was 3IE, with 28 contacts for 951 points. There was only one loss received for the 2 mx band and was from 3ZAQ with 2 contacts for 106 points.

2RS, of Albury, reports hearing 3BW on 2 mx on May 21 at strengths of 3 to 4. 2RS is still looking for Melbourne stations, his frequency is 144 Mc. and he estimates at 8 p.m. and listens at 5 past 8 most evenings. He is anxious to arrange skeys with someone on 2 mx and is particularly interested from the point of view of contacts on c.w. He suggests that perhaps anyone interested could drop him a line to arrange a skey. He operates on 3.7 Mc. for checking in and it is understood that he will be making a trip down this way about the middle of August and will be staying in Melbourne for a few days, so perhaps some of us may have the pleasure of meeting him in person.

There were 29 present at the last V.h.f. meeting to hear Mr. N. S. Feltsecher, who is Divisional Engineer in charge of the Radio Development Division of the P.M.G.'s. Radio Research Laboratories, gave a general coverage on directional aerials. It was a wonderfully interesting lecture, but I'm afraid we have to admit that more than half of the evening was taken up with the asking and answering of questions. The 2 mx fellows really made the most of this wonderful opportunity of being able to ask somebody who knew all the answers and also were fortunate in having in Mr. Feltsecher, somebody who was particularly willing to help them with their problems. All who attended voted it a most interesting lecture and went away a lot wiser.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE YET?

How are you going with your 100 contacts on the v.h.f. bands? The fourth certificate award has now been applied for by David 3ZAQ, who brought along his 100 confirmations to the meeting.

There has been some good 2 mx DX during the past month. On 5th May, 5BC came through with fair signals and was worked by 3PO in Ballarat and 3BQ on both phone and c.w. On 7th May, 5BC came through with signals so strong that anybody could have worked him, in fact it was hard to believe that it could be 5BC. Unfortunately, hardly any stations were listening on the band in Melbourne and only 3BQ and 3CP made contacts with him, on phone of course. These conditions lasted from a little before 8 o'clock until about 9.30 p.m. Before he made contact with him, 3BQ had been receiving very strong signals from 5BC while he was in contact with 3ZCW. 5BC is on the band every night at 8 o'clock looking for Melbourne contacts. His frequency is 144.13 Mc.

Charlie 3BH is back on the air again from his new QTH in Boronia. Also Alan 3AKZ is back on 2 mx after an absence of six years. He is running a mod. osc. with a trace of a watt from dry batteries. His signal is particularly stable. Ray 3ATN has a new shiny new console played with a modern console desk which is looking very nice indeed. An 80 foot steel tower is to be a later addition.

The last fox hunt held on 2 mx was a very successful night all round. The weather was fine and mild, a vast good crowd turned up and all made several catches. The final location was at the home of Tom 3ZAC and Vi 3AWers. Essendon where the gang had their usual post-mortem and supper together. The winner for the evening was Eric 3ADU. Thanks are offered to Tom and Vi for opening their home to the gang.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A Field Day was held on Sunday, May 13, the first attempted by the V.h.f. Group. Stations were spread out through the south west as far as Albany. While the four hour show was only partly successful, the one DX which can be put to good use later on. The path to 6BO at Bunbury was open all the time from Perth. Role worked 6ZAA, 6BE and 6ZAV at Kalamunda and Perth and 6AW at Bridge-

town. 6HK was worked at Brookton by 6ZAA/6BE. 6ZAM and 6ZAF, after moving location three times, worked through to Perth from North Dandalup. Syd 6SJ lost his beam in a blow while in course of erection.

6ZAA/6BE went to 6BJ's location at Benbuccin during school holidays (Jack and Rob have shown interest in 2 mx) and worked back to Perth during the three-day checks with 6BO 6HK and 6ZAV. We may have a 144 Mc. station at Benbuccin in the near future. Transfers have taken Cee 6ZAZ and Ron 6FM to the country. Cecil to Wagin, and Ron to Meekatharra—country DX? Checks with Wally 6WG at Albany are still in progress by 6BO and 6ZAV with varying success.

Cheers, a new station appeared on 2 mx the other day. None other than Frank 6FW. Frank 6FW should be on the band soon.

Another Fox Hunt was held on Saturday night, 2nd June. Tx was hidden by 6TR/6HC—Don and Warren. 6HK/6WJ were the winners, time 45 minutes. Syd 6SJ and Alf 6EA came second. Cheers on the effort.

288 Mc.: Activity has been low lately. 576 Mc.: Don 6ZAV has a pair of RL18s ready to get going when time permits.—6ZAV.

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PROPAGATION REPORT

3.5 Mc.: Lack of reports does not allow a reliable analysis of present conditions on this band. However, occasional openings to North America have been observed at the usual times.

7 Mc.: Here the number of channels still free from commercial interference, and thus open to overseas communication, seems to decrease from month to month. Conditions to Europe (short path 2000-2200z), the American continents and the Far East (0600-1400z) have been reported.

14 Mc.: This band again displayed good general conditions. European contacts were possible on both routes, likewise North American contacts. Other continents were also represented. Times of optimum conditions were: 0600-0900z and 2000-2300z for Europe, 0500-1400z for the American continents.

21 Mc.: All continents were represented on the band during the month, although conditions generally appeared to be somewhat erratic. European openings existed between 2100z and 2400z, and also around 0300-0500z. The American continents could be contacted around 2200-0500z. African break-throughs were reported around 0800-1000z.

27/28 Mc.: This band continues to show reasonably good openings to the American continents (0030-0400z), Africa (around 0700z) and South East Asia (around 0630z).

NEWS AND NOTES

Newspapers report on the news after it happened. Books are written based on facts which happened well before the publication. Scientific papers are written after some new development or discovery has been completed. Well, we don't even have to go that far: look at the magazine you are just holding in your hands! The notes in the back report on events in the preceding month. Technical articles report devices constructed and tested (we hope) before the publication. OK then, why do you expect the next month's DX column to scribble on this globe, the DX editors, to be fortune-tellers or journalistic prophets? I don't believe in astrology or other means of telling fortunes and consequently know nothing about these items until John W6YY provides the info. In the short space of time, the only possibility of publicising both items was the W.I.A. broadcast of VK3W1 (1130 E.A.S.T., Sundays, 7146 Kc.):—

XE4A (W6AIV et al.) operated from Socorro Island early in June. Socorro Island is in the Revilla Gigedo Group, 500 miles off Mazatlan, Mexico (thanks W6YY for info).

YV0AA: This DXpedition to Bird Island was scheduled for June 17 to June 24.

Here is a drop of water into the sweet DX wine: both islands have not yet been declared separate countries.

AC3SQ is reported to be active (from 5BY, 5RK, W6YY).

Danny **V2VIB/P** ex-F08AN, **VR1B**, expects to make **VK9TW** his next call sign when operating from Nauru (from 5WO).

CE0AD is on 14012 and 14040 Kc. at 0500z (from W6YY).

It looks as if commercial QRM seems to occupy more and more frequencies, even on 14 Mc. (thanks 5RK for report).

Pat **W2A1S/MM**, aboard S.S. "Pioneer Caul", will visit **VK2**, **VK3**, and **VK5** (from 2AMB).

VS9AN Aden, is on 14041 Kc. around 1400-1500z (from W6YY).

Cross-band contacts 50/56 Mc. between JA and VK have been in the news

for sometime. Rumours are that **VK4LK** was the first VK to achieve a cross-band QSO (from 4SE).

ACTIVITIES

3.5 Mc.: Occasional W signals is the only DX heard at 3AHH.

7 Mc.: Laurie **2AMB** worked **VETAG**, W (on phone) and heard **JATHL**, **3APL** keyed with **KCKUJ**. John **W1A-LW19** adds **SMWVS**, **YU2AC**, **YU1KD**, **DL4DT**. Eric **BER19S** heard **DUTSV**, **JASVM**, **JARAE**, **OHZYU**, **11M**, **SMs**. ON, YU. Dave **Jenkin** reports **JAFG**, **DUTSV**.

14 Mc.: C. Frank **KL7E**: **EAD5F**, **CR10AA**, **VP1HL**, **KCAUSV**, **EAGAM**, **OX3KW**, **CE0AC**, **2AMB**, **KLAIZR**, **KL7BQ**, **PJ2AJ**, **PY4AO**, **KQ1B0**, **OE3VP**, **EAHGV**, **OHs**, **KQ**, **YO**, **YU**, **HB**, **CT**, **I**, **F**, **D**, **L**, and **PJ2AW**, **VK1GA**, **CR10AA**, **VQ6QC**, **1Z**, **V8B**, **GM**, **CP3CC**, **VB6CG**, **VR1B**, **VEWET**, **Jack JJA**: **SP**, **PY4AO**, **CR10AA**, **Syd** **4SE**: **GC4AA**, **JA**, **ON**, **F**, **VS2**, **VBENK**, **HLIAC**, **YS10**, **CT**, **KP4CA**, **VR1B**, **VEWET**, **HC1LE**, **HC1ES**, **PY7KY**, **FO7XB**, **PJ2AL**, **XZ3OM**, **ZW**, **14U**, **CR10AA**, **4X4GZ**, **YJ1AA**, **VQ8CB**, **K8C4A**, **LUDBO**, **YV1AG**, **VEL1H**, **Doug** **5BY**: **AC3SQ**, **Gordon** **5HM**: **KV4BK**, **VR1B**, **Rob** **5R**: **VR1B**, **Ray** **5RK**: **JA**, **VS8**, **CT**: **George** **5SK**: **KL7L**, **VR1B**, **Austin** **5W1**: **G**, **SM**, **Cal** **1Z**: **CR10AA**, **KLAIZR**, **KL7BQ**, **W1A-LW19**: **VP6BR**, **HB**, **YO**, **VS1**, **457AM**, **2B**, **KP4UE**, **DUDDO**, **DUMJO**, **YU**, **FB8BI**, **BER19S**: **BV1US**, **CT**, **DL**, **EL**, **FB8BI**, **G**, **GM**, **GW**, **HB**, **I**, **J**, **LA**, **OH**, **ON**, **PA**, **SM**, **SP**, **ASTEM**, **457WM**, **Dave** **Jenkin**: **XE1MB**, **CO2FC**, **SM**, **VETAKI**, **YVSHI**, **JA**, **VR1B**, **LUDHO**, **EASGF**, **ON**, **F**, **457MR**, **457W**, **457X**, **457Y**, **457Z**, **CO2BN**, **KJ6BN**, **CO2SW**, **CO2HS**, **XE2BM**.

21 Mc.: **2AMB**: **PY4DK**, **CT2AG**, and **KMG6A**, **PA**, **CT2BAN**, **ON**, **PJ2AM**, **ON**, **PJ2AM**, **3RG**: **8S4BN**, **VR1B**, and **XE4A**, **5HM**: **VS2**, **VE7JB**, **5WO**: **G**, **8S4AD**, **GW**, **PA**, **EA**, **CT**: **VE7JB**, **7G8AD**, **CT2AN**, **PT8R**, **BV**, **IUS**, **FMTWQ**, **VE5A1U**, **VS4AG**, **CO2VN**, **CO2YZ**, **MP4K8B**, **1Z**: **457YL**, **VE**, **VP6FH**, **VR1B**, **BER19S**: **G**, **Dave** **Jenkin**: **HP3FL**, **BV1US**, **Rod** **de Balfour**: **KL7W**, **CT2AG**, **CT**, **CT2AN**, **VR1B**, **FUSAC**, **ON**, **VE7**, **VE7**, **VE7**, **BV1US**, **VS4AG**, **DL**, **PA**, **KL7**, **DUVVL**, **VP1PK**, **XK1BS**, **I**, **GM**, **G**, **RHCL**.

14 Mc. **S.R.S.**: Jack **3WR** reports contacts with **KCAUSV**, **W8HGP**, **W1ME**, **VE2EQ**, **W4000**, **W8MYI**, **K2MGQ**, **VE7EL**, **PH1P**, **G3MY**, **VE6FP**, **W5DVI**, **Jack** also forwards this list from **4MW**: **CN8GD**, **VE6FT**, **VE4NI**, **VE4QI**, **W4DLB**, **W3AFQ**, **W8DNY**, **W8P1I**, **W2EWL**, **W8WZ**, **VKS** **3SK** and **45W** are new additions to the list of active a.s.b. stations.

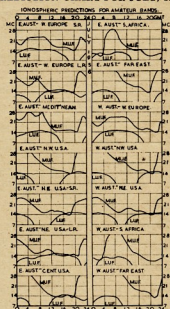
21 Mc.: **2AMB**: **8S4AC**, **Neville** **5APL**: **JA**, **3RG**: **KSP1AM**, **VU2BK**, **GACDF**, **VP6RV**, **OQ5BI**, **VP6FR**, **DL4ZW**, **BV1US**, **JA**: **SA-1TA**, **VQ4RR**, **ZD4BV**, **SV0W0**, **TG3AD**, **HP3FL**, **KL7**, **G**, **3RG**: **KH8**, **JA**, **45T**, **3WO**: **TG4AD**, **HC1FS**, **SV0W0**, **PJ2AA**, **KP4ADZ**, **CT1PK**, **Z55SP**, **HB8PA**, **1Z**: **KR6QY**, **DUBAW**, **VR6CS**, **ESJMJ**, **Rod** **de Balfour**: **VS2W**, **VS2DQ**, **VS2U**, **2J**, **W**, **KX5ZB**, **FK8AC**, **45TGE**, **FX9A**, **VE**, **RO6**, **KL7AZN**, **HC1FC**.

27/28 Mc.: **5WO** worked **T12LA**, **W**, **Z2JJ**, **Z5E2K**, **Z2EJB**, **Z56KW**, **1Z** spoke to **W**, **VQ4DT**, **Z5S2Z**, **JABBE**, **T12LA**, **YV1BE**. And on c.w. Col worked **W** and **CO2CY**.

Rod de Balfour: **W**, **VE**, **KH8**, **VR3D**, **VK9DB**, **457YL**. Rare QSLs were received by: **3DI**: **PJ2BS**, **ZC3CT**, **CB8AL**, **FQ8AY**, **Z2EJB**, **3DI**: **XE4AM**, **VO3X**, **CE4AD** (for 3.5 Mc.), **FARDA** (7 Mc.), **YAIAM**, **2ACX**: **ZE4JK**, **VK1ZM**, **ST2DB**, **ZB-1CH**, **AC4RF**, **2AMB**: **ZE2JC**, **FARDA** (7 Mc.), **PY2AHS**, **KP4ABD**, **CE3H**, **CE3OW**, **VP6VY**, **14U4U** (7 Mc.), **OZ7SN**, **CE0AD**, **JA**: **VP6BL**, **3TE**: **EAS3C**, **XB**: **VO3X** (7 Mc.), **3ATN**: **ZD3AC**, **4SE**: **CE2DZ**, **CRUCV**, **CR9AH**, **FB8BI**, **OAJ**, **5BY**: **ZD3A**, **5RK**: **DU1CV**, **5WO**: **VR1B**, **PY3CK**, **CE4AD**, **VP5AK**, **VQ4DT**, **VP2DA**, **1Z**: **EX2AX**, **YI4AM**, **KP4ABD**, **YK1HF**, **XE1PY**, **BER19S**: **AF2M**, **CR7LU**, **VP6BM**, **ZC4IP**, **Rod de Balfour**: **OH2OV**, **KX6ZB**, **04A4Q**.

Thanks to **W6YY** and the Northern California DX Club, and **VK4** **DI**, **2QI** (QSP reports **2DI**, **2ACX**), **3ACX**, **2AM**, **2APL**, **3IG**, **3JA**, **3TE**, **3WR**, **3XB**, **3ATN**, **4SE**, **3BY**, **3HM**, **3RG**, **3SK** (QSP reports **3BY**, **3HM**, **3RG**, **3SK**), **3W**, **7LZ**, and s.w.f.s. **W1A-12019**, **BER19S**, **Dave** **Jenkin** (**VK3**), and **Rod de Balfour** (**VK7**) (QSP **7LZ**).

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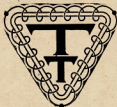
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SHORT WAVE LISTENERS' SECTION*

Attention VK6, 7 and 9! Do you have s.w.l.'s in your Division? If you do, who not let us know? Yes, this VK3 has come out into the open, and I now know that there are at least two s.w.l.'s there. Our score now is therefore VK2, VK3, VK4, and VK5, so spurs up and let's make a one hundred per cent. effort. How about all those VK9 associates mentioned in the Divisional notes? I'm sure it would be especially interesting to hear from them. Now for all the news.

First of all the VK2 boys. Writing from Coolamon, N.S.W., Stan Abbey tells me that he has been an s.w.l. for about 3 years. He is using an MN28 Radio Compass rx with a band switched converter covering 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 mc. Stan tells me that there is also another s.w.l. in the town and that every Tuesday evening they meet at 2AJO's QTH. Jim Edge (2AJO) then gives the boys lessons on Amateur Radio. Keep up the good work Jim, it's good to hear of someone helping s.w.l.'s in such a way. We hope to receive some more information from you Stan, so as to keep VK2 on the map.

From Len Craigen in VK5 we learn that the results of their VK-ZL Contest are not yet available, but we hope to have the details by next month. Len also forwards the following description of the gear being used by Mac Hillard. Mac is using a 4000, a 10 tube rx for 36 Mc., a ten tube home-brew for 21 and 28 Mc., and also a K589 (sig. booster) for use on 14 and 20 Mc. He was using a rx on 200 Mc. but it is out of action at the moment. Unfortunately I have not received any news from VK4 this month so we still have only three States represented.

VICTORIAN GROUP MEETING

The May (25th) meeting of the VK3 Group was in the form of a free night. After the usual business was dispensed with, David Rankin (3ZAQ) spoke to the members on v.h.f. for s.w.l. His talk was very interesting and no doubt as a result there should be more s.w.l.'s on v.h.f. very soon.

* Compiled by Ian J. Hunt, WIA-L3007, 101 Robert Street, Northcote, Vic.

A talk was then given by Ian Hunt on s.w.l. reports. It is hoped that this will result in more useful reports being made by s.w.l.'s in the Group. Ian also demonstrated his rx, an AMR300 and was delayed with questions as to what all the knobs and switches, etc., were for.

We were all pleased to see the smiling face of our Secretary, John Wilson, on deck again. It is understood that he has had a broken toe. Did you drop a power tranny on it John? Michael Ide, WIA-L3015, has now shifted his QTH to Thornbury. He is now using a ground plane antenna instead of a 20 mc half wave. His rx's are an AR7 (modified), and an AR301 on 144 Mc. Bert Stebbing, WIA-L3036, has degenerated to low power motor cars. The big bus is at present out of commission, but Bert says he'll get it going again or bust. We haven't seen him doing any portable or mobile s.w.l'ing yet. David 3ZAQ (WIA-L3003) is understood to be flat out studying for exams. Another person we haven't seen for some time is Arthur 3AHD, who is now the very proud owner of a vehicle, or is it a motor car Arthur? He says he will definitely be going mobile, so look out everyone.

Whilst I am mentioning mobile operation I will tell you of a sure-fire method of obtaining a QSL card. This method is as follows: You receive 3AFT, who is at present mobile in the Sydney area of N.S.W., send him a report, and he'll reply with a QSL. Bill would be very interested in your report. He is on the air most evenings from 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. week nights and any time at all during week-ends. The frequencies of operation are 7080 and 7100.7 Kc. The power used varies between 5 and 7 watts. So go to it and see if you can receive this station.

COMING EVENTS

At the July meeting of the VK3 Group, Geoff 3DF will talk to us about his recent overseas tour. This should be most interesting so do not forget to come along. The Group meets at the rooms, 191 Queen Street at 8 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month. Further details of our future programme are given on page 17 of "A.R." for May, 1956.

A visit to the "Argus" newspaper office has been arranged. This visit will be held on Tuesday the 17th of July at 9 a.m. Members are requested to meet outside the "Argus" office on the corner of Elizabeth and Latrobe Streets, City, no later than 8.45 p.m. You are all welcome to attend, even any interested Amateur may come along.

A CQ TO ALL AMATEURS

If you could come along to one of our meetings and give a short talk on some aspect of Amateur Radio, or if a small group of s.w.l.'s could visit your station, please let us know. Write to Ian Hunt or ring him at MY300 Ext. 526 during the day. If you are on 2 mc call 3ZAQ and talk to him about it. Also, if you think we could help you by monitoring a transmission, looking for your mobile signal or assisting in the erection of an antenna, or anything else you can think of, don't fail to let us know.

HEARD ON THE ETHER

Diligent listening has allowed s.w.l.'s to log the following:-

3.5 Mc: Geoff Morris, WIA-L3017-ZLs, Ws.
1 Mc: WIA-L3017-W, KIBs, VEZ, ZLA, ZM6, JA, Michael Ide, WIA-L3015-KL7, VKIJJ.
14 Mc: WIA-L3017-W, ZL, XE2, HC2, G, DL6, ZM6, ZKI, VR1B, VE, F7-9, ON4, TG9, VR2, CTI, 2 and 3, EA3, OZ5, FUR, POR, PK9, G13, HB9, GW3-4, CNR, SA1, 3 and 4, 954, 11, HR3, KH6, KL7, KM6, KT1, KW6, KY6, VK1, VPI, VJ1, GM3, KA, KGC, KGC, VVS, CO3, KRG, YS1, T2, KC4USA, KCAUSA, KCAUSA, WIA-L3015-BV1, CTI, 2 and 3, D14, EA3, F8 and 9, FUR, G2, 3, 6 and 8, GW3, HB9, HK1, JA/KA, KCAUSA, KGC, KH6, KM6, KRG, KL7, KKG, OES, PA9, P47, T29, VKIJJ, VK9, VE2, 5, 7, VR2, VP2, 5, VS2, XE2, VV5, T12, ZKI, ZM6, W. Len Craigen, WIA-L3004-CN8, CTI and 3, EA2, G, G1, HCL, 11, KA, KC4USA, KGC, KH6, KT1, LU, OQ5, VE, VKIJJ, VK9, VR1 and 2, W, XE2, ZKI, ZL, A. Halliday, WIA-L3007-CN8, EA7, FA3, KH6, VE, VKIJJ, VR1, VV2, W. Mac Hillard, WIA-L3016-CTI, F3, G2, 11, PA9, D, Ferrett, WIA-L3017-CO3, CT3, GM3, HJ9, 11, JA-KA, VKIJJ, ZSS, W, G. Herd, WIA-L3018-CN8, CTI, EA2, 11, T12, VET, VS2.

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AMENDED RESULTS

NATIONAL FIELD DAY

VK2ARZ, who was placed second in the c.w. section instead of third, pointed out the errors in the results published. The Federal Contest Committee here-with issue the necessary amendments. Apologies are offered to all concerned.

State Winners—C.W. Section

New South Wales: VK2W1 (operators D. J. Pollard, VK2ASW; S. Bourke, VK2EL), score 46 points.

Open Section

No entries from VK4, 5, 6 or 9.

Logs Received—C.W. Section

VK7LJ 80 points, VK2W1 46, VK2ARZ 25, VK3ADW 25.

PARTICIPANTS' COMMENTS

The following letter was received by the Federal Contest Committee, who suggest publication of same. If you have any ideas re this contest please let the Committee know.

We thoroughly enjoyed the National Field Day Contest although we did not have many contacts (being on c.w. only). We would like to make the following comments and suggestions for future contests:

(1) We think it should run 24 hours (6 p.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday) as one goes to a good deal of trouble for the contest and the times make it a bit of a rush. It would mean camping, but I think this would add to the fun. There would be greater opportunity for DX

contacts. Camping with radio can be a lot of fun!

(2) The scoring should permit working the same station on different Amateur bands (as in R.D. Contest).*

(3) The participation of overseas stations needs clarifying. Apparently they don't have to submit logs. Do they then have to exchange sequence numbers? We think that if the operations on the bands are monitored by officials in each State, nominated by the Contest Committee, to check and report irregular operation, the participants should be allowed to make overseas contacts without logs being forwarded and without the exchange of sequence numbers. In other words, the operator is put on his honour to include only bona fide contacts. This would render the overseas contact simpler and without the need for explanation of the contest requirements. If overseas stations are to exchange sequence numbers then much greater publicity is required. What a pity a world-wide Field Day Contest can't be arranged! We did not chase DX contacts (although we were often called by Ws) and those we did work we did not worry with sequence numbers.

(4) We think the contest rules should indicate the correct procedure in regard to call signs. We used VK7LJ/7, but many used the /P to indicate portable operation. The correct procedure was given in the Federal Notes in "A.R." a couple of years ago and if I remember rightly, specifies the /7, etc. I have meant to check this but haven't had

* Rule 6 covers this.

time. As a matter of fact it was my suggestion originally to the Advisory Committee as the /7 type is commonly used in U.S.A. at least.

(5) The contest needs greater publicity. The value of such a contest in proving the efficiency of both operators and gear for emergency purposes needs stressing. With a couple of Amateurs working in shifts at cooking and radio there can be a great deal of enjoyment. It is a good try-out of the efficiency of both personnel and equipment, particularly so if run for 24 hours. The battery situation is more difficult but not insurmountable. Real skill in choosing the right band for the right time is needed. I very much like the multiple operators idea allowed in the contest. It then does not come too hard on any one individual.

—Lon R. Jensen, VK7LJ.



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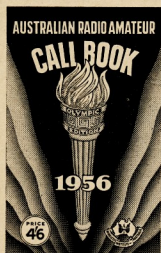
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FEDERAL, QSL, and DIVISIONAL NOTES

FEDERAL

VKI-AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

An interesting change in the call letters for stations operating from the Australian Capital Territory has recently taken place.

These stations will now be prefixed by the numeral "1" following the international identification letters "VK", instead of the New South Wales numeral of "2".

For the time being, Amateur Stations operating from Antarctica will continue to use the prefix of "VK1", but a review of this will take place at a later date.

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Tasmania

S. G. Moore, 8 Pearl St., Wivenhoe, Burnie.

*Qualified for Limited Certificate.

The above list does not include candidates who, although they failed in the examination for a full certificate, qualified in the subjects for a limited certificate. Such candidates are issued with a limited certificate on application.

FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

RAY JONES, VK3RJ, MANAGER

Information on the radio expedition to Birds Island by the Radio Club Venezolano during the period June 17 to 24 did not come to hand in time for inclusion in June "A.R." This island, which is a "new" country, is owned by Venezuela and is situated 380 miles from the mainland. Lat. is 15.42 North and Long. 62.38 West. A call sign of 3N1 was assigned to the QSLs should be sent to R.C.V. Box 2255, Caracas, Venezuela, and all contacts will be confirmed with a special QSL and banner.

A unique QSL sighted during May was that of JAIPQ to VK4LK in confirmation of a 59 Mc. contact on May 6, 1956, at 1744 JST. JAIPQ used 16w, to 1625z, his modulator being reflected. The call sign was 4L, and rx 1.1 f. converter ahead of a 9 tube super. JAIPQ states there are 860 stations in JA with 6 meter rigs including 400 in JA1 and 150 in JA2.

The Radio Amateurs of Lebanon have formed a national society styled R.A.L. with address: Box 3245, Beirut, Lebanon. Foundation president is ODSAF and U.S.I. Manager ODSBO with QSL Bureau address as above.

QSL Managers please note the change of address for the Swiss QSL New address is U.S.K.A. Knutwil, Switzerland.

BERS195, temporarily located in Brisbane, enjoying the warm weather but missing Aussie rigs, football and beer. Following advice, that AP2M, JAG1W and OH3TA are desperately in need of VK cards for their many contacts. Check your log books and make sure you have not failed them.

Aprapos recent par in this column re Pat Luz (one of the two operators of CRI0AA in Timor), information is now to hand that Pat is on the staff of D.C.A. at Darwin.

Cards through the Federal Bureau during May showed an increment of 250 per cent, reflecting the better conditions obtaining on the DX bands and the backwash from recent DX contacts. The monthly total was the highest for five years.

Further to last month's reference to return of cards sent to 3W8AA in Hanol, Austine VK3YL advises that her first card similarly addressed did not reach Phnom Penh, and a second card addressed to Postbox 109B, Hanol, Vietnam, via Route Hong Kong, Canton, reached him.

Ex-VK1RF is currently to be heard under the call sign YJ1RF.

Congratulations to Austine VK3YL on obtaining the first YW-VK-ALY ever issued. Although Austine's certificate is numbered 11, the previous 10 were issued to males who had made WAC-YL.

FED. CONTEST COMMITTEE

The checking of the VK/ZL Contest logs has been completed and the results will be ready for the next issue. Due to various hold-ups, the logs from some overseas contestants were late in arriving and could not be checked until May. Checking has so far revealed that there are many errors and the Committee de-

SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of:—

VK2II—Max J. Moore.

VK5QP—Ken M. Theel.

VK5WG—Wally N. Govan.

cided that all overseas logs would be checked against the VK-ZL logs. A large entry meant a longer time before the Committee could release the results.

Following complaints that Certificates were being damaged whilst in the post, the Committee has decided that in future all Certificates will be sent in mailing tubes and has accordingly ordered a large quantity. There will therefore be a delay in the posting of the Rosetown and Pic Day Certificates.

Jim VK5FO and Reg VK5RR have completed the Record Book of all the rules and results of the contest by the W.L.A. and the Committee will be getting out on their task of catching up with all the errors of omission and commission which seem to be inevitable, although unfortunate.

G. Bowen, VK5XU, Chairman.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Members of the New South Wales Division were particularly fortunate in their lecturer at the June meeting. Professor Yardley Beers, a Victorian Amateur radio enthusiast and ardent member of the C.S.I.R.O., would be better known to us as Yardley, W2AWH. As Yardley's contribution in radio progress has been strange things which we will know happen in the ionosphere (and the troposphere too) you will know just how much we all looked forward to his lecture. Yardley Beers ("Call me Yardley") divided his time between three of the most interesting subjects that it would be possible to choose from an Amateur viewpoint. He discussed x-ray and cosmic rays and paid particular attention to the problem of strong local competition (have you a kw. local in the next street?), an examination of the relative merits of a.m. and a.s.b. followed and Yardley suggested his "Ultimate Modulation." If you reckon that a.s.b. is complicated, how would you like to be superheterodyne carrier plus four (yes four) sidebands? There are some rather staggering advantages, it seems: Yardley concluded with a discussion on an ideal antenna system that has set the boys really thinking.

As details of the business at the meeting will be published in a W.W. meeting already via the Divisional Bulletin, I will not repeat it here. The holiday week-end of June 2-4 saw quite a gathering of VKs at the Queensland convention held at Brisbane Heads just north of the border. From Grifin 2J3, WVC and Snow McCauley attended for the full duration of the convention, 2BR arrived on the Sunday, with 2VK from Tweed Heads. Divisional President (N.S.W.), who seems to be a part of Queensland activities these days, braved the perils of air travel to be present, and 2AWC motored from Sydney. Though I would like to put you in the picture regarding Jim's opinion of the "Sunny Queensland" weather, I am afraid that the censor may have to "edit" these notes, if I do so. It appears that it was cold, especially on Sunday night. By all reports it was a really grand show, and Ramsey and company are looking for takers for the next one. How did you find the bottle of medicine, Ramsey, which is still in its early stages, has gleaned a couple of items from the city blokes. Firstly, I am informed that the strange thing about the head and 370z of the 2BR's loggings are not splatter, or even some curious radiation from behind the iron curtain. Don 2ASW, Federal Councilor for the Division, has at last found time to finish his 3w. rig, has taken a long time, because his building programme has had to take a back seat, to allow for his Committee duties for the last three years. Don would appreciate some contacts, and it is a good opportunity to see just how good that rx of yours is!

The results of the mobile operation on 7 Mc. were noted early last month. 2ATW/M and 3AHT/MVK2 both had good phone contacts with VK1L1, Macquarie Island. As both mobiles were around the 3w. mark, I am sure you will agree that's a very good effort. Now, just a few words on the subject of these notes. Your articles are appreciated news from any member. If you are in the country, you may send it via your zone officer, who will be very pleased to hear from you. If you are not keen on writing up your activities, how about letting us all know about the doings of others in your town or area? This is the only real chance we have of keeping in touch with other country Amateurs' activities, unless we contact regularly. News from the city is of course also very welcome.—2EL.



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HUNTER BRANCH

Harold 2A4H, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Branch, took charge of the May meeting, owing to the illness of President, Bill 2XT. Mr. W. J. Moore of the railway department gave a lecture entitled "Electronics in the Railway Service" and had equipment on show, which he used to demonstrate some sections of his lecture. Members present were: Bill 2XT, Max 2OT, Ted 2ABW, Varley 2SF, Les 2AOR, Harry 2AFA, George 2AGD, Doug 2ADS, Charles 2A2G, and the Kenzie 2ANL. Officers: Bob Bailey, Stan Lloyd, Gordon Sturges, Ray Jones, Bill Nichols, and from Sydney, Les Gilbertson.

With two licensed license holders already in the district, namely Rodney 2ZBE and Athol 2ZAE, and other associates studying hard, an increase of activity on 44 Mc. is anticipated. As a means of assisting the Kenzie 2ANL, holders "2" licences, and also to interest other branch members in 144 Mc., Doug 2ADS has been appointed liaison officer between Hunter Branch and the V.H.F. Group in Sydney. The scheme is to collect data and circuits on the latest v.h.f. sets and rx's and supply this to interested members.

A familiar voice has been heard on the bands again using the call sign 35D. This is none other than our old friend, Bob formerly 2AFS. John 2W has been renamed "extra quiet" and a change from the 70 ft. high vee beams he used in VK2. "Three Bill" 2AEY should by now be operating mobile as he travels around the district. Bob has removed the barbed wire from his fence—signals getting through now. Jack 2CX is heard quite often on 40 mc. and 80 mc. and is now back in the 2AHH. Bill 2AMM has left Stockton, "the home of DX," and is now residing at Maitland. A two-section 8K antenna is occupying Jim 2AHT, while John 2W has been renamed "extra quiet". Ron 2ASJ is practicing to increase his speed with the foot operated c.w. Norm Stanley has been asked to give a lecture on "Extra quiet" "tickets" and Jack Hamilton is ready to try for the "limited" exam.

The official station of the Hunter Branch, 2AWX, can be heard every Monday night at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the district and on the latest news in the Hunter Branch.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on 13th July at 8 p.m. at the University of Technology, High Street, Newcastle. Bill 2XT will be announced over 2WI and 2AWX—2AOR.

UPPER HUNTER AREA

The first news of importance is that Tas. 2GV has been operating from Ellerston with a No. 11 set, putting an f.b. signal in here; believe that you are interested in 144 Mc. I don't know from Roy 2HC, must have started 2AHL. Bill Pikes GQ, no a.c. out that way Roy. Have not seen hide nor hair of Nev. 2OS, the icy ball of Harrington must be keeping you underground, know that the boys would like to hear you on sometimes, perhaps you are constructing a t.v. rx? Who knows!

Geoff 2VU had a field day of his own altering gear and re-painting his rack whilst the XYL and Junior ops. were away for the school holidays. Geoff pity that 2E26 wouldn't perk. Your scribe 2AFL, besides slopping around in the mud, has done a little work, and is waiting for a windmill tower; boy, are those things hard to come by? One of these days we may get up some decent beams.

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

It must be the cold, damp weather we are having that is the reason for the chaps not being very active. The first of the best place. The Griffith Radio Club has started a new class, 10 victims, 1 hear; good work chaps. I hope all get your tickets. Your scribe has the two Coleman assoc. members, Stan Abbey and Jock Ashley, hard at work every Tuesday night and handing out lots of homework for the rest of the week. Max 2W is working for Jock and Stan to get their tickets, both are pretty close to 2AJQ, whacko QRM! Don 2AHL at 6146s with pi coupler. Looks like a new pi tube for 144 Mc. Don. Arty 2EU has converted an AT3, seems to be working OK. Arty heard several reports of a 2E26, and a 2E26. Ross 2PN at Tamut has a new rig on 144 Mc. has been working 2WH 1 hear. Your scribe has been visiting on 13th May. Don 2AHL, Milly on the beach at Melbourne on holidays. Jack was operating mobile, and had a mobile-to-mobile with your scribe on the road between Melbourne and the coast, and the call sign at the time. Seems to be the usual thing down this way, the standing waves have developed "webbed feet".

Adrian 2W from Sydney, is making a flying visit to Griffith this week-end (28th May), to show the Griffith gang how 144 sigs are made.

He has skeds arranged at different points of the compass. Next month's notes should come from Griffith, 1 hope—2AJO.

NORTH WESTERN ZONE

It is my sad duty to record the passing of Max 2IL, of Dubbo, Max, together with his son Stephen (7), daughter Maxine (14) and Margaret (Whitely 13) was involved in an accident on the Macquarie River, at Dubbo. The sole survivor of the tragedy was Maxine, who was taken to the hospital and died. Max was a radio operator since the war, Max was active on every band from 80 to 6 m and was well known by overseas Amateurs as well as those in the area. He was a very good signal to describe the upset in Dubbo, where Max was a highly respected citizen and businessman. Max's idea of the hobby, felt by the community can be gained from the hundreds of people who had joined in the search which followed the tragedy. Local Amateurs, Bill 2ACT, Tom 2AMR, and Chris ex-2APF were associated in a river search, which covered 238 miles in two days. The communications being maintained in the 7 Mc. band. Amateurs all over the world will join with us in our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Moore and Maxine.

During the last few years many of the active operators in this zone have migrated to the city. 2APF, 2A2G, 2A2H, 2A2I, 2A2J, 2A2K, 2A2L, 2A2M, and Bob 2XP is now located at Dalton. Bob 2AXS now located at Cronulla, was in Dubbo about three months ago, to finish the removal of his gear. Sydney 2A2G has been removed from the 144 Mc. band, his marathon efforts during the 1955 floods, which earned him the personal thanks of the Governor-General.

Tom 2AMR, possibly the most active of the Dubbo gang, is to be heard on 40 mc with a very good signal. Noel 2APE is getting interesting in mobile operation and hopes to become active again very soon. A very good signal is provided on 40 mc by Cec 2AKC, of Tomingley, and we hear that his 50w, is making a very good job of it. Another good signal answer that phone, Cecil Bob 2AQD very busy these days. Struggling with some battery operated gear at present. No news from 2ARK, what's doing, Mack 2AQD.

WESTERN ZONE

Hugo 2WIL, at Forbes, is having a very tough time with all his gear, he is running 2 m, and puts out very good signals on 80 mc in between times. Rain also troubling Norm 2XZ, who is wondering now about getting next year's trip to Woorin. The boys are now recovering from his bout with "the wog" and hope for some more mobile activity from him—2WBH.

NTH. COAST & TABLELANDS—TAMWORTH

Steve 3ASS, the midnight station from Swan Hill, visited 2APF who took him down to Noel 2A2S's shack, where he was entertained with the aid of Noel's hi-fi amplifier. Steve spent two days in Tamworth and may come back to stay. Congrats to Stan 2E2L who has now passed the Morse. It should not be long till we hear a new call on 80 and 40 mc. Merv. 2ATD is very busy at the new aerodrome at present, but he will be back on 2 m in the near future. Another visitor at 2APF was Jack 2ADT, who called with XYL and small son. Noel 2A2S has a new antenna, and a 2,000 ft. mountain of Dick 2AZG. We hear rumours about that Boggabri mob. How about it, Dick?

2ASQ has plans for \$148 on 5 m. Seems he got the v.h.f. bug from 2ARG/2WR last month. How about it, Dick 2APF, is running a 2 m tx with 2E26s final. During QSO with Al KH6ABQ, Frank discovered that Al was present in Woorin, and he signed in on VK. Al reports that 1 m tx signals have been received in Honolulu from West Coast U.S. stations, so he is thinking in terms of a 2 m tx, but he is not sure, and a 2,000 ft. mountain. Who knows?—2APF.

COALFIELDS AND LAKES

Activity has not been great during the past month. Ern 2AEZ and Len 2AMU paid a visit to Newcastle boys, heard them from 2BZ on 2 m talking back to Doug 2ASA, of Tuggerah, prong using a 3 beam on 2 m. Major 2RU active, 3 and 5 m mainly, but not heard well here. Very little heard of 2VU and 2AMU, though 2AMU has been heard on 2 m. Alex 2ZJZ chases DX on 14 Mc. Bob 2KPF working on xtal locked rx for 144 Mc. Works most other bands, too. No activity from 2MC and 2PZ, but they are still active on 2 m. t.v. rx anytime, and is now considering a beam to put on top of his 70 ft. steel tower. 2YL at last quite settled in Newcastle, as he has been but was into Newcastle OK, has no beam in mind. Getting nice DX on 15 mc, and had a visit from Jack 2ADT recently.—XYL.

VICTORIA

At the June general meeting Mr. Campbell, of the Bayside, gave a General Lecture on Storage Batteries. It was a very interesting lecture and included a discussion on both lead acid and alkaline cells. He illustrated his points with a number of slides showing all types of batteries as well as boards showing various parts. A nickel cadmium battery was of great interest, a bank of six cells being only 100 mm high, and 100 mm wide. A very interesting item was a searchlight which gave equivalent of two hours at 1500 watts from a single light unit, and a 100 mm standard 6 volt car battery. Still another interesting feature was that car batteries are not designed for radio work and trickle charging, and special batteries are required for radio work. The thickness of the radio battery plates being twice the thickness of the normal car battery. Needless to say, there was a galaxy of questions fired at Mr. Campbell.

Following this a discussion took place on the questionnaire re 144 Mc. By the way, HAVE YOU ANSWERED YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE YET? It was announced that Council has accepted the invitation of the Eastern Zone to hold the next State Convention at Leongatha on the week-end of 3rd and 4th July. A very special plea was made to those Amateurs, who perhaps from lack of a little thought, have been content to sit on their hands and let the slow morse practice transmissions on Sunday evenings. A considerable amount of time and work is involved in the preparation of the program, and also in the making of the broadcast for these transmissions and the disappointment to the operators is very great when they receive no response. "Could hardly get a word of it tonight, the QRM was terrible." Also a little thought should be given to the younger ones who are endeavouring to learn the code, it's very disheartening when you are finding the code a little difficult to have to contend with severe interference as well as the QRM. It is requested that you keep the frequency 3550 Kc. clear between 8.30 and 9 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

The following were welcomed as new members to the Institute: Full Members—Messrs. N. J. (JNR), E. J. (JNR), and J. J. (JNR). Associate—Messrs. P. J. Newdick and C. Brittlebank.

The next general meeting on the 4th July will be Mr. Jack Vertigan (3WR) whose subject will be "Single Sideband Techniques." On August 1st the lecturer will be Mr. R. J. (JNR). E. J. (JNR) will be giving an illustrated lecture on "Radio Control of Research Missiles."

Mr. Syd Clarke, our theory instructor for the A.O.C.P. Class, has resigned, the Victorian Division is seeking someone to replace him. Any Amateur who is prepared to undertake the theory instruction is requested to immediately make application to the Secretary W.I.A., 191 Queen Street.

The new All Band Bi-Monthly Scramble is scheduled for August 6. Log books are still available at the Institute rooms, price 4/6 plus ninepence for postage. Jack 3VZ has been seen operating on 2 m, and is looking for an antenna. He has finally found the ideal spot, in Balwyn, right on top of a hill, no doubt he will build his home remote control station there. The location is so good that purchasing the block was its suitability for an antenna.

EASTERN ZONE CONVENTION

Well as a lot will know, we had a most successful Eastern Zone Convention at Morwell on the 2nd and 3rd of 2nd July. The day was spent in all sat down for dinner and some 12 or so extra visitors came up from Melbourne on the 3rd. Visitors to the dinner were: State President 3TF and XYL, Don 3ALQ, Harry 3ZM, Kevin 3AAH, Keith 3HK and Cliff 3ATP. After the dinner the ladies went to the pictures while the boys got on with the business of the retiring President, submitted his report and Jack 3AJK was voted in as President for the next year. The Vice-President was Glen 3JG, State Vice-President Ian 3AAV, Sec. and Treas. David 3JZ, Official Zone Station is Ian 3AAV and his is also Zone Emergency Station in the 3501 net. Monday 3rd July was the day of the State Tuesday night inter-zone hook-up is Jack 3AJK who is also notes correspondent. Committee members were: Glen 3JG, State President to be held at Leongatha is Ron 3PR, Graham 3QZ, Jim 3DI, and David 3DY. The meeting broke up at 11 p.m. when supper was served and the final break-up was at 12 mid. night.

Sunday started off with a tour of the S.E.C. at Yallambury, at 10 a.m. By 11 a.m. by all the afternoon we adjourned to the Maryanne Picnic Ground to start off the fox hunt. Len 3LN, and the city hounds Laurie 3ALY, Roy



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The general meeting was held in the usual rooms in Wymouth Street on Tuesday, 23rd, with the President, John SKX, in the chair. After welcoming the visitors, Messrs. Beaglehole, and Williams, Crawford, and Masted and Woolpough (3BW), John introduced the first of the three lecturers for the evening. Ian SZAA, took over before the audience was well seated, and gave a most good "gen" from the members of the T.v.i. Technical Committee.

Ian had chosen to present to the chaps, the results of our Amateur bands to the allotted v.h. channels. With a carefully compiled list of data on adjacent channel interference and the results of the measurements in the form of a graph which was projected on to a screen, Ian suitably prepared the ground for the two lecturers who followed him. I am sorry to have this material for the evening in "A.R." later, I won't dwell on it here—as one remarked afterwards, "Cripes, it gave me the holy horrors"—you can gather that this section, in these matters as he is right in the middle of v.h. rx design at our local industry.

Phil SZAB then took up the threads and in the lighted room, proceeded to show some of the don'ts, such as using triodes, exposed wiring, high power multipliers, capacity interstage coupling, etc. These were followed by a short lecture by Jim J. in suitably compromising situations. Phil stressed particularly the use of tetra and pentode type transmitting valves such as 6X4, 6X5, 6X6, 6X8, 6X9, 6X10, 6X11, 6X12, 6X13, 6X14, 6X15, 6X16, 6X17, 6X18, 6X19, 6X20, 6X21, 6X22, 6X23, 6X24, 6X25, 6X26, 6X27, 6X28, 6X29, 6X30, 6X31, 6X32, 6X33, 6X34, 6X35, 6X36, 6X37, 6X38, 6X39, 6X40, 6X41, 6X42, 6X43, 6X44, 6X45, 6X46, 6X47, 6X48, 6X49, 6X50, 6X51, 6X52, 6X53, 6X54, 6X55, 6X56, 6X57, 6X58, 6X59, 6X60, 6X61, 6X62, 6X63, 6X64, 6X65, 6X66, 6X67, 6X68, 6X69, 6X70, 6X71, 6X72, 6X73, 6X74, 6X75, 6X76, 6X77, 6X78, 6X79, 6X80, 6X81, 6X82, 6X83, 6X84, 6X85, 6X86, 6X87, 6X88, 6X89, 6X90, 6X91, 6X92, 6X93, 6X94, 6X95, 6X96, 6X97, 6X98, 6X99, 6X100, 6X101, 6X102, 6X103, 6X104, 6X105, 6X106, 6X107, 6X108, 6X109, 6X110, 6X111, 6X112, 6X113, 6X114, 6X115, 6X116, 6X117, 6X118, 6X119, 6X120, 6X121, 6X122, 6X123, 6X124, 6X125, 6X126, 6X127, 6X128, 6X129, 6X130, 6X131, 6X132, 6X133, 6X134, 6X135, 6X136, 6X137, 6X138, 6X139, 6X140, 6X141, 6X142, 6X143, 6X144, 6X145, 6X146, 6X147, 6X148, 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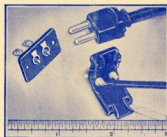
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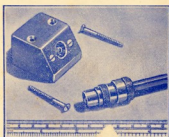
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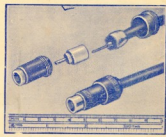
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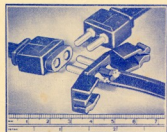


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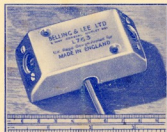


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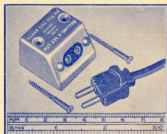
Special slots grip the cover over the cable conductors.

Interchangeable with L733/P and /S, and L739.



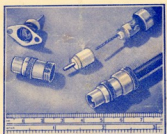
L763—Double outlet box.

This box has two standard outlet sockets and is complete with a "star" matching network which provides the coupling between the incoming cable and the outlets. When two receivers are connected, the input to each is 6 db. down on the input to the box. Designed for use in demonstration rooms, workshops and laboratories, etc., or where neighbours in semi-detached or terraced houses wish to share a television aerial installation. The appropriate range of plugs is listed under L1329, L734/P and L781.

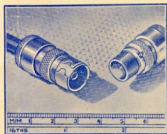


L739—Outlet socket box for 80 or 150 ohm feeder.
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A skirting board termination for unscreened balanced twin aerial feeder. L733/S forms the outlet socket which will take L733/P or L677/P.



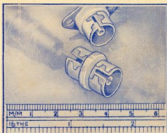
L734/P and L1329—Standard free plugs.
L734/S—Fixed socket.



L734/J/Af—Free socket.

Belling and Lee range of plugs L734/P, L781/P and L1329 conform to the draft R.E.C.M.P. Specification for television inlets. In addition to these requirements they are also designed to meet the various recommended methods of correct loading. In L734/P and L781/P the pin is retained in the insulator. L1329 has a hinged moulding to enable the pin to be withdrawn for soldering and/or crimping.

Complementary sockets for above range of plugs are L734/S, L694/S (fixed) and L734/J (free).



L616—Adaptor.
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A particularly useful application is for the aerial input circuit to car radio installations. The co-axial cable designed expressly for this purpose loads perfectly into this lug. The sockets are suitably designed to hold the plug against vibration and are cadmium plated.

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